

## C L A I M S

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improved Caller Control System for a receiving telephone line, comprising:

a Caller I.D. system for the telephone line;

a voice mail system for the receiving line; and

a Caller Control System coupled to the receiving line and the Caller I.D. and voice mail systems which provide password controlled protection against incoming telephone calls to the receiving line and which shunts incoming calls to a voice mail system or releases the call without ringing, unless the incoming caller properly accesses the Caller Control System with an appropriate password or is on an approved caller list.